Expenditure on account of Vaikam Satyagraha.

374. MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a detailed statement showing the expenditure incurred up to date by them in connection with the *Satyagraha* movement at Vaikam?

(*b*) If not, will the Government be pleased to state the total amount of the expenditure incurred up to date in connection with the movement?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether this expenditure is to be charged to the general revenues or to any particular fund, and if the latter, to which fund?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) Information will be called for.

(*c*) The question is under the consideration of the Government.

Vaikam Satyagraha.

375. MR. J. JOHN NIDIRY (*Changanachery* cum *Minachil*): (*a*) Is the road round the Vaikam temple a public road?

(*b*) In view of the strong public opinion in and outside Travancore, will the Government be pleased to state whether they cannot find their way to solve this difficult problem by making some timely concession at least in favour of those classes whose distance of pollution, according to conservative and orthodox opinion, is but nominal and small?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) These questions are covered by a resolution which has been balloted for discussion at this meeting of the Council.

Attitude of Government regarding the Claim of Non-caste Hindus at Vaikam.

376. MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state what exactly is the position of the Government in regard to the claim of the non-caste Hindus to use the roads round the Vaikam temple?

(*b*) Do the Government recognise untouchability and unapproachability?

(*c*) If the Government think that the claim is just, will they be pleased to state why they do not take steps to protect it instead of obstructing it?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to state the grounds on which they have taken the present attitude in regard to the matter?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) to (*d*) The member is referred to the answer to question No. 375.

MR. K. PARAMESAVRAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will Mr. Krishna Pillai be pleased to state how the answer to my question is covered by the resolution tabled by Mr. M. N. Pillai?

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